

To: The Secretary of the Interior Date: December 5, 1998
From: The National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive Advisory Committee
Re: Recommendations for National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive

The National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive Advisory Committee being duly established pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act met at the USGS/EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota on October 28-30, 1998 regarding the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive (Archive). The Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations reached at that meeting to the Secretary of the Interior:

1. **Adopt** the data definitions in the Committee's White Paper (January 25, 1999) to facilitate implementation of the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive's mission. As technologies and processes evolve, the line between "unenhanced" and "value-added" will change. It should be expected that the definitions will need to be revisited.
2. **Pursue** the best means of having established, continuous and sustained access to legal and policy expertise for the USGS/EROS Data Center and the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive. The Committee has come to appreciate the challenges that the Archive will face in the future and believes this expertise is critical to its mission.
3. **Assist** the USGS/EROS Data Center in promoting the development of the commercial use of remotely sensed data. Examples could include establishing a clearinghouse for value-added retailers; providing information regarding services available from the value-added community; and/or providing a central web site that lists commercial sources for products and services.
4. **Assist** the EDC/Archive in expanding their relationship to land remote sensing data users through a focused outreach program and continuous solicitation of current and potential user input. Examples could include establishing a clearinghouse for value-added retailers; providing information regarding services available from the value-added community; and/or providing a central web site that lists commercial sources for products and services.
5. **Adopt** the Committee's definition of the "Basic Data Set" (Attachment) and **accept** into the Basic Data Set the following data sets:
 - Foreign Landsat 1-5 Holdings
 - Landsat 7
 - MODIS
 - ASTER
 - SRTM
 - LightSAR
 - Advanced Land Observing System (Japan)
 - Vegetation Canopy Lidar